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Miss Oklahoma visits tribe

Miss Oklahoma 2011 Betty Thompson stopped by Chickasaw Nation headquarters last month to meet with Gov. Anoatubby during a visit to the Chickasaw Nation. Her visit included a stop at the Chickasaw Cultural Center to learn more about the tribe's history and culture. Mike McKee

Spring scholarship, grant application deadline is Feb. 1

The Chickasaw Nation Higher Education spring scholarship and grant application deadline is Feb. 1. Completed applications are due to the Higher Education Department by that day.

The Chickasaw Nation Higher Education Department offers scholarships and grants for full-time and part-time undergraduate, graduate and doctoral Chickasaw students. The scholarships and grants assist students with tuition, fees and books for students pursuing a degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

For more information and to obtain required scholarship and grant applications, contact the Higher Education Department at (580) 421-7711, Chris.Kates@chickasaw.net or www.chickasaweducationservices.com.

2011 a year of progress on many fronts

The year just completed, 2011, was yet another year filled with many achievements, initiatives and successes.

The year saw many new "bricks and mortar" projects; new programs and services; new outreach by the tribe to its citizens; and an expanded role of the Chickasaw Nation on many fronts.

For the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 2011, the tribe invested over $22 million in education programs, much of that in the form of grants, scholarships and assistance to our Chickasaw students. Today, there are more college graduates and students who have earned master's and doctoral degrees than ever in the history of the Chickasaw Nation. The commitment to education is paying off in great careers for thousands of Chickasaws.

The tribe's investment in Chickasaw health programs continues to produce great results. Following the construction of the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center at a capital cost of approximately $150 million, the investment in Chickasaw health programs follows the input from the Chickasaw people ranking

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Chickasawkids.com has been updated!

Chickasawkids.com is an educational website for elementary age children. The website update includes new historical facts, recipes, activities, games and more printable coloring sheets. The website serves as a tool for Chickasaw youth to learn more about their heritage and explore the rich history and culture of the Chickasaw Nation.
Don't forget to visit www.ChickasawKids.com!

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health care their number one priority.

In other areas, the tribe continues to make growing investment in heritage preservation; Youth and Family Services; general assistance; nutrition; transportation and much more.

Of course, the capital expenditures for new facilities delivered many new buildings for use by citizens.

During 2011, the Chickasaw Nation was very active on the building front. During the year, Gov. Bill Anoatubby and tribal officials dedicated the Holisso Center at the Chickasaw Cultural Center; the tribal Search and Rescue Firehouse in Ada; the Science-Technology-Mathematics Academy in Ada; the independent living apartments in Ardmore; and the Sovereign Family Practice Clinic in Ada.

Additionally, ground was broken on the Ardmore Health Clinic; the Connerville Senior Center; the Ardmore Senior Center; the new Golf Academy facility at WinStar in Thackerville; the new Bedre manufacturing plant on I-35; and the new Welcome Center, also on I-35.

During 2011, the tribe also assumed management of Boggy Depot State Park near Atoka.

Resolutions were approved and signed by Gov. Anoatubby authorizing a new softball complex in Ada; restoration of historic Burney Institute near Lebanon; building of a caretaker's home at the Chickasaw White House in Emet; an addition to the Madill Senior Center; and construction of the new Artesian Hotel parking garage, casino and pocket park in Sulphur.

And so much happened for Chickasaw people in 2011!

The Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (Chickasaw Leadership) students jumped into the Habitat For Humanity program in Oklahoma City over the summer. The students helped frame new homes as well as site preparation and cleanup.

Chickasaw students from across the country engaged in one or more of the myriad camps and academies now offered by the tribe. Students enjoyed Environmental Camp, Golf Camp, Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy, Entrepreneurship Academy, FCA XTreme Camp, NASA Space Camp, Champions Football Clinic, Champions Cheerleading Clinic, Summer Arts Academy, Chickasaw Language Immersion Family Camp, and more!

Our young Chickasaws were the top performers at the annual Youth Language Fair in Norman, Okla. Our language is one of the cultural heritage items receiving much attention within the tribe.

Over 60,000 visitors enjoyed the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur during the Center's inaugural year. And indications are the Center will host double that number in the coming year.

The arts continued to be a focus of tribal interest as the Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival was hosted in Ada in June. Kids and young adults throughout the Chickasaw Nation are taking advantage of classes, clinics and seminars to help build their interest and ability in music, painting, writing, voice and traditional art.

On the business side of the Chickasaw Nation, our tribal commercial entities performed better than ever. Our businesses produced record net income, which is reinvested in tribal programs and services, and in the expansion of our businesses. More and more people want to visit the Chickasaw Nation and our entertainment facilities. Gov. Anoatubby just last month led the groundbreaking on a new 18-story hotel tower at the tribe's WinStar facility in Thackerville.

There is plenty happening at the Chickasaw Nation! The year just past was possibly the busiest and most productive on record, and much in planned for 2012.

With all the activities, plans and operations, the mission at the Chickasaw Nation remains "to enhance the quality of life of the Chickasaw people."

Grand Marshal

Governor Bill Anoatubby waves to the crowd during the 24th annual Parade of Lights in Ada. Gov. Anoatubby, who served as Grand Marshal of the parade, is joined by his grandchildren, Eryn, Chloe, Brendan, Preslea and Sydney. Mike McKee

Tribal station KYKC receives 'primary' emergency designation

"This is a test...This is ONLY a test..."

Chances are you have heard this announcement on countless radio and TV broadcasts for decades, followed by strange sound effects. These tests are part of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) long standing plan of communicating emergency messages over radio and TV stations in the case of disaster.

The plan received publicity in November when the first-ever national test was conducted to disappointing results. While some stations received a demo emergency message, stations in Oregon heard a song by Lady GaGa.

In an effort to revamp and improve the system, the FCC, in conjunction with the Oklahoma Broadcasters Association, has chosen tribally-owned KYKC to be a "primary" station in Oklahoma. KYKC is one of only 14 to be designated.

Being a primary station means KYKC will receive special satellite equipment to receive emergency messages directly from the source, such as the White House, and send those messages to countless other radio stations.

KYKC was chosen in part because of its high power of 50,000 watts. It was also chosen because of the station's reputation as an "outstanding and reliable" broadcaster, according to Emergency Management officials. The station's elaborate equipment set-up of back-up transmitters and generators assures KYKC will stay on the air.

"Although it is a huge honor to be one of 14 stations chosen to transmit emergency messages, it is a function we hope that we never have to fulfill as that means a global or national crisis would be happening," KYKC general manager Roger Harris said.

KYKC has been a Chickasaw Nation-owned station since 2005.

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Deadline for submission is the 22nd of each month prior to publication. Submissions can be mailed, faxed, hand-delivered or e-mailed.

Join us and see Chickasaw Nation people make a difference!

Here are a few suggestions for activities that will bring you closer to the Chickasaw Nation and the Chickasaw people in this new year of 2012.

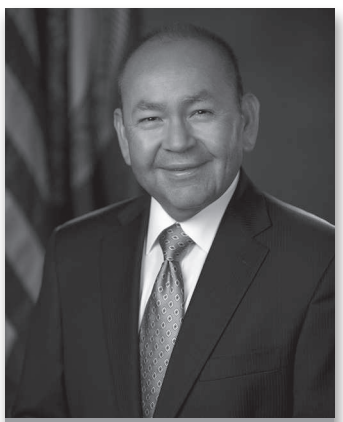
Attend the annual Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival in June in Ada. You will be amazed at the beautiful compositions being produced and performed by your fellow Chickasaws and others!

Enjoy at nice lunch at one of the many senior nutrition centers throughout the Chickasaw Nation. You will not only enjoy a great meal, you will meet many wonderful Chickasaw elders. And you could very well discover a relative you didn't previously know!

Next November, go along with some our Chickasaw World War II and Korean War veterans on their flight to Washington, D.C., for Veterans Day. You will meet some the greatest people ever.

Drop in on a Chickasaw Learning Community gathering at the University of Oklahoma during the school year. These Chickasaw students support each other as they launch their college careers. A great place to make great connections!

Investigate the Holisso Research Center on the campus of the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur. At the Holisso Center, you will discover so many and varied pieces of Chickasaw history, you will be awestruck! The Holisso Center is the national clearinghouse for important Chickasaw history. You will gain real insight into the Chickasaw people.



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

Come and meet some of our School to Work students, whose success stories are truly inspiring. These non-traditional students receive help from the Chickasaw Nation as they build their educations, their careers and their families.

Join with our Chickasaw Leadership students in one of their many projects. In 2011, these achieving students jumped in with Habitat For Humanity to build homes for deserving families. These kids are really on the right track!

Visit any of our ongoing Arts and Humanities programs for our students. You will find students from elementary age through college experiencing painting, music, drama, writing and so much more. The Chickasaw After School program is great fun!

Don't forget the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival! This is, of course, our annual event that welcomes all Chickasaws home to the Chickasaw Nation. You are sure to enjoy the many activities, as well as the many, many Chickasaws and others who come to celebrate. So many Chickasaws come to this gathering, and there is something new to discover every year. If you haven't yet attended, it's time for you to catch up!

Of course, our many tribal facilities throughout the Chickasaw Nation look forward to welcoming you. Our tribal employees would love to show you the great things going on in the Chickasaw Nation.

We have now embarked on a new year and we all look forward to much more progress this year. Whatever new projects we undertake, we want you to be included. We have scores of programs, services, gatherings, classes, conferences and so on - and our number one priority continues to be the Chickasaw people.

Please get involved with your tribe this year. You'll be glad you did!

Lighthorse officers, employees recognized for service

Michael Holloway, center, was named the 2011 Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department Police Officer of the Year. Mr. Holloway has taken more criminals off the streets this year, than any other sworn Lighthorse employee, handling 1,067 calls for service, 136 criminal cases and 50 arrests. Also pictured are Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal, left, and Chickasaw Nation Division of Self-Governance Administrator Tom John.

Melisha Sutton, center, was named the 2011 Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department Civilian Employee of the Year. Ms. Sutton was recognized for her above and beyond contributions and service to the department. Also pictured are Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal, left, and Chickasaw Nation Division of Self-Governance Administrator Tom John.

Other Lighthorse employees recognized were:

Steve Cash - Police Lifesaving Bar, awarded to a law enforcement officer who is directly responsible for the saving of human life.

Skip Lockwood - Police Shield, awarded to any police employee who is injured while performing police duties.

Clint Sutton, Chad Harp and Terry Laxton - Police Commendation Bar with Risk, awarded to a law enforcement officer for outstanding performance involving great risk to his or her personal safety while performing his duties.

Gary Dodd - Police Commendation Bar, awarded to a law enforcement officer for outstanding contributions to the department or community.

Alyson Orr - Firearms Award, awarded to any Lighthorse police officer who, during firearms qualifications courses, obtains extraordinary scores, displaying exemplary results to other officers, and brings favorable recognition to himself or herself and the department.

Robby Williams, Alyson Orr and Phillip Wood - Physical Fitness Award.

Tammy Hughes and Ashlee Griffin - Civilian Service Certificate.

Vincent Walters, Chris Crow, Jose Ramirez and Lorraine Williams - Certificate of Recognition.

Chris Palmer - Customer Service Award.

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Interview techniques to benefit Pathway

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Social Services is better prepared to serve tribal citizens and other Native Americans thanks to updated case management training.

Five tribal social services employees participated in the three-week training in Catoosa, Okla.. The training focused on better integration of the various resources available within the Chickasaw Nation into the tribal Pathways to Success program.

Available to Chickasaw citizens and other Native Americans living within the tribal boundaries, the program provides case management, counseling and life skills training to increase participants' ability to reach independence.

An important component of the case management training was motivational interviewing. This technique helps employees identify skills and qualifications their clients possess. Based on the information, employees can then provide appropriate job trainings and placements for their clients.

Motivational interviewing also helps the employees identify the services their clients need, as well as get the clients connected with the service providers.

Participants of the training were: Purcell Area Office Director Phillip Bill, resource specialists Vashti Spencer, Madonna Dutton, Angel Hodges and Brenda Rolan. The group graduated in October.

In addition to the Pathways to Success program, the social services division also offers the Summer Youth Program. The employment program is available to Native American youth ages 14-21. It provides valuable work experience in tribal operations and non-tribal businesses. Students acquire new skills, workplace training, develop productive work habits and increase their education and knowledge. Furthermore, students who participate in this program are tested and if needed, receive individual tutoring sessions twice per week.

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Chickasaw success stories popping up every day!

As chairman of our tribal legislature, it is gratifying to me when we hear success stories from Chickasaw citizens. Those success stories are becoming more common all the time, and that is especially pleasing!

We have Chickasaws getting ahead in education, in careers, in their family lives, in charitable works, in business - in so many ways we could not have imagined just a few decades ago. The Chickasaw people have made a great leap over the past generation, and our children and grandchildren are reaping the happiness of lives well lived.

We understand that it takes resources to support and grow the vital elements Chickasaws count on. We know the Chickasaw people are strong and persistent. Now, we can support those great qualities with resources our tribe has created.

DAVID WOERZ

Chairman, Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

During the past fiscal year, which ended September 30, 2011, our tribal businesses produced record net income. That is a great accomplishment! It means we can dedicate more real resources to real programs that help Chickasaws everywhere.

Another great accomplishment is the thoughtful expansion of our tribal businesses. We broke ground in November on a new hotel tower at WinStar in Thackerville. WinStar is already one of the largest facilities of its kind in the country, and more visitors want to come all the time. We are investing back into WinStar because it is a proven winner!

We are also developing a new business facility in Chickasha, a community on the western border of the Chickasaw Nation. We have great hopes for this facility, which will provide jobs and produce new revenues for our programs.

It's really something great when you consider all that goes into how our tribe operates. We have many, many super people working with us, and our commercial strategies have been sound and profitable. The key becomes translating those commercial successes into quality, results-oriented programs Chickasaws can access to improve their lives.

In Pickens District, our tribal strategy has provided for the new Ardmore Health Clinic and Ardmore Senior Site. These are projects Chickasaws need, and they are replicated throughout the Chickasaw Nation and beyond.

I urge you to take advantage of the scores of programs and services your tribe makes available to you. We listen to you, and we work to build the things you need to make your life better.

As we approach our New Year, I wish many blessings for you and your family. I believe 2012 will be a tremendous year for Chickasaws everywhere!

David Woerz

Plenty of progress for 2011 - all directed to helping Chickasaws!

As our calendar year 2011 comes to a close, it is truly gratifying to be a part of the many things our tribe has accomplished this year!

And while it is hard to believe 2012 is upon us, I am confident we will see much more progress in the coming year.

Throughout the year, we worked to improve our essential programs and services on which so many Chickasaws rely. In the fields of health care, education, nutrition, housing, general assistance and so much more, our people worked hard to refine our offerings so they do the most good for the most Chickasaws. We are always looking to make our programs and services better so we are being as efficient as possible, while also ensuring good service to all citizens.

DEAN MCMANUS

Secretary, Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

There has also been lots of progress within the Chickasaw Nation itself as we continue to build and improve facilities that will serve us well for years to come.

As you know, our Medical Center in Ada and our Cultural Center in Sulphur are up and running, and serving many, many patients and visitors daily. We believe these projects are doing the jobs for which they were designed, and we look forward to many years of service ahead.

The Artesian Hotel is well under way in Sulphur and it promises to be a terrific attraction! If you are in the area and have some time, please go by the project. You can't miss it! We have much confidence that the Artesian will attract thousands of visitors to the hotel, and also to the Cultural Center and the adjacent Chickasaw National Recreation Area. This is really exciting!

And about eight miles to the west on Interstate 35, we are preparing to build a fantastic new visitors' center and the new Bedre Chocolates facility. The location of these projects is going to be just great for exposure to the maximum number of potential visitors and customers. Our Chickasaw Nation has become a true visitors' destination!

Of course, there are so many things happening at our tribe now it is impossible to list them all. Even with all the many projects, my focus is always on the Chickasaw people. Always concentrating on the building up of Chickasaw people is how I approach my job. I work for you - and I couldn't ask for anything better!

May you and your family enjoy the many blessings of the New Year and may you always prosper.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve you. I look forward to seeing you in 2012!

Dean McManus

Court Advocates now available in Ardmore, Ada and Purcell

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with legal problems.

To make an appointment call 1-800-479-1459.

This is a service provided by the tribal court system.

Visit offers opportunity to observe Northwestern tribe

Oh Happy Day!

The last couple of months have gone by quick! In November I flew out to Portland, Oregon to attend the Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council. A song of blessings was offered by Mr. Bill White to open the meeting and Ms. Lea Ann Holder presided over the minutes.

Thank you to Kim Factor for setting up and coordinating the event.

What a wonderful group of citizens. I must admit that Oregon rivals our own state of Oklahoma when it comes to aesthetic landscapes! While there, I visited the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. The CTSI is a confederation of 28 different tribal bands and has a population over 4,000 members to date.

BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Mr. Robert Kentta, Cultural Resources Director, gave a tour of the newly completed Phase 1 of their Culture Center. We were able to view the extensive collection of woven baskets, beaded moccasins, dolls, and tribal regalia worn by the Siletz men and women. The CTSI government consists of 9 Council members and a judicial branch which differs from our own tribal government in that we have a 3 branch government. The Chickasaw language is a Muskogean based dialect whereas the CTSI have an Athabasken based language. To learn more about the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians visit their website: www.ctsi.nsn.us

In December, the Dallas/Ft. Worth Native American Chamber of Commerce hosted the 6th Annual Native American Awareness Expo at Southfork Ranch. The day's venue included tribal speakers, mansion tours, NA artists and vendors. It was exciting to see some of our North Texas Chickasaw Community Council members participating in the Expo. Mark your calendars for this event next year.

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in His triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. II Corinthians 2:14

Chipisala'cho

Beth Alexander

Sean and Kathy McMahon

Jayna Gause

Arnethia "Sissy" Brown

Tribal Health Division on point to provide top care

Greetings and Happy Holidays from Connie Barker, Tribal Legislator
Pickens District Seat 2

We, as a Native American people, and as a community of determined Chickasaws continue to be blessed in our pursuit of industry specific growth. Growth can be measured in many ways, but for me, as one of your legislators, I consider it to be qualified through revenue enhancements, cost containment and sound stewardship of all areas that we are responsible for. Positive growth generates much needed revenue to fund and enhance programs that we have in place, while exploring new opportunities that will serve to strengthen our infrastructure. We are a dynamic people and we are well positioned to grow our Nation to even greater heights as we are continually blessed with exceptional leaders. One of our divisions (Chickasaw Nation Division of Health) is utilizing resources wisely and providing compassionate care through many different levels of service. Our Division of Health provides many programs and services and I wanted to give you some examples of what we have available because of the effects of positive stewardship:

CONNIE BARKER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Audiology; Behavioral Health; Benefits Eligibilty; Cardiology Testing; Chickasaw Health Info Center (CHIC); Customer Relations; Dental; Diabetes Care Center; Emergency Room; EMS Services; Enviromental Health; Family Practice; Foot Clinic; Hearing Aid Program; Medical Assistance Program (MAP); Imaging Department; Injury Prevention; Inpatient Services; Internal Medicine; Laboratory; Medisaw Health Plan; Nutrition Services; Optometry; Pediatrics; Pharmacy; Physical Therapy; Radiology; Respiratory Therapy; Specialty Clinic; Health & Wellness; Urgent Care Clinic; Utilization Management; Women's Health; Vocational Rehabilitation.

These programs and services are delivered to us in the spirit of our Mission and Vision statements that we will Provide American Indians with health services that promote healing and wellness, while our Vision indicates that we will strive to promote Healthy American Indians through informed choices and excellent health services. We look at all programs and services as being valuable to our Nation, thus we move toward sustainability in all of our endeavors.

As a footnote to operational statistics from the Division of Health, it is important to realize that there were, for the month of November: 580 Internal Medicine visits; 4,000 Emergency Department patients including SDC; 1,203 Pediatric encounters; 2,072 Dental encounters; 4,440 Family Practice visits including satellite clinics; 59 Births; 244 Surgery cases; 269 Surgery visits

Thank you and God Bless,
Connie Barker

Remember to ask for your Programs & Services Guide

Hello & Happy New Year to Everyone,

For good luck this year, I hope you had plenty of smoked jowl, salt meat and black-eyed peas!

With the coming of the New Year, we should be looking for the publication and distribution of the Chickasaw Nation Programs & Services Guides. These booklets are indispensable because they list not only all the programs and service available to Chickasaws, but also the eligibility requirements for each program and service.

I recently received a post card regarding the 2012 guides. If you did not receive a post card you can contact Nick Martinez for assistance. Nick's email address is nicholas.martinez@chickasaw.net and a contact number for him is (580) 310-7903.

I hope you achieve all your new year's resolutions and that this year holds many blessings for you and your family.

If I can be of assistance, just call me at (580) 421-4903, email me at katie.case@chickasaw.net or contact me on Facebook.

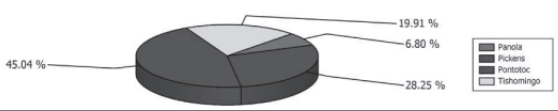
People First,
Katie

KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,832	Pontotoc	12,136
Pickens	7,612	Tishomingo	5,364
			26,944



Chickasaw Nation landscaping distribution seminar set for January 26 in Kingston

KINGSTON, Okla. - A Chickasaw Nation landscaping products distribution program seminar is set for 6:30 p.m., Thursday, January 26 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center located at 1400 Enos Road in Kingston.

Chickasaw homeowners and those in the process of purchasing a home within tribal boundaries are eligible to receive trees, shrubs and sod for their home.

Attending the seminar is a requirement to participate in the landscaping products distribution program. Topics covered include types of plant species, and care and maintenance for a variety of vegetation.

Participants must provide the following documentation; copy of Chickasaw citizenship card, utility bill and proof of homeownership (warranty deed, insurance binder or letter from the lender). Applicants must reside in the service area.

For more information, contact Patty Daniels or Tamiko Poe at the Ada Chickasaw Nation Horticulture Department at (580) 559-0888.

The year of 2011 proved to be one of many accomplishments

Chukma and Happy New Year to Everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday.

Have you made your New Year's Resolutions yet? Every year I vow to eat more vegetables, exercise more, and be a kinder person in the coming year.

As we look back over the past year, we can be proud of our accomplishments and resolve to learn from our mistakes. During 2011, we, in the Legislature, voted on a variety of resolutions. A few of the highlights follow.

For our elders, we approved a new Ardmore Senior Center, an addition for the Madill Senior Center, and the new Connorville Senior Center, which was approved in 2010, is almost complete. For our youth and families, a grant application to increase services for children's mental health was authorized, and a new softball complex will be built in Ada.

During 2011, ground was broken on expansions to the clinics at Ardmore and Tishomingo. A resolution was passed to authorize a community facility at our new Medical Center in Ada, in which family members of patients will be able to stay overnight at reduced or no cost.

To help preserve our history and culture, a resolution was passed to build a new caretaker's house at the Chickasaw White House near Emet, as well as Phase I for the restoration of the Burney Institute near Lebanon, Oklahoma. Phase 2 for the Artesian Hotel and Casino in Sulphur was passed, as well as an addition to the Newcastle Gaming Center, and our first gaming center in Grady County will be built near Chickasha.

We also saw groundbreakings for our new Welcome Center and a new Bedre Chocolate Factory on I-35 near Davis. Wow!

As you can see, much has been accomplished, but there is still much more to be done. Just imagine what 2012 might bring! If we work together, we can accomplish great things. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Anowa chipisela'cho, (Until I see you again)
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NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Small Business Development Center 'Lunch and Learn' set for Jan. 11

The Chickasaw Nation Small Business Development Center "Lunch and Learn" meeting is set for noon Wednesday, Jan. 11. The meeting will be at 2020 E. Arlington, Suite 5 in Ada.

All interested Chickasaws are welcome.

The topic of discussion will be hiring practices for new businesses with guest speaker Jennifer Kaneshiro, chief human resources officer for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce.

To reserve your seat or for more information, contact Brett Joplin at (580) 559-0620 or brett.joplin@chickasaw.net.

Artesian construction humming; hotel at WinStar

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. Christmas 2011 has come and gone and we hope that all of you enjoyed time with family and friends. We also wish each and everyone of you the best of new years.

The Chickasaw Nation continues to add to our many attractions and facilities across the Nation. We visited the construction site of the new Artesian Hotel in Sulphur. It is eight stories high and coming along on schedule. This facility is already impressive and when it is completed it will add a lot to the City of Sulphur. The hotel and the pocket park and welcome center to be built across the street will add much to the Nation's presence in Sulphur.

MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I joined other Legislators and attended the ground-breaking at Winstar for a new hotel. The event had a large gathering and the weather was good.

We gave a tour of the Cultural Center to some out-of-state guests. They were very impressed with all we have there including the facilities to assist people in finding their relatives on the Dawes rolls.

We visited several Community Councils in November and December. It is always a pleasure to spend time with Chickasaw people.

We look forward to the seniors' Christmas luncheon every year. We love to attend and see old friends and meet new ones. The elders' programs are a large part of what the Nation provides for Chickasaw people. We have 11 senior sites around the Nation which provide breakfast and lunch five days a week to Indians over 60 years of age and their spouses. Many other activities are also available to seniors.

My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site.

Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

Simple resolutions are the best - then follow through!

As we welcome 2012, it's also a time to reflect on our accomplishments during 2011. I am continually amazed at the progress we make each year within the Chickasaw Nation. Just when I thought we had the best year ever, the next year brings more surprises. There's no way I can list everything the Nation accomplished over the past year, but here are some of the new projects that we broke ground on:

Independent living units in Ardmore

New medical building in Ardmore

New senior citizen site in Ardmore

New Bedré Chocolate Factory in Davis

Welcome Center in Davis

New health clinic in Tishomingo

New hotel at WinStar World Casino in Thackerville

Artesian Hotel in Sulphur

SHANA HAMMOND

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

This doesn't include all the awards and accomplishments are many youth academic teams have won and participated in over the year. I could go on and on, but you get the point.

Next, we all come up with our resolutions for the New Year. While I'm sure we all have plenty to work on, here are few that I hope you will consider.

Be more productive by using your time wisely.

Become more organized. Organize your home or office.

Boost your confidence. Have faith in your abilities.

Start a business or get a stable job.

Be more friendly or approachable. Widen your circle of friends.

Learn how to cook. Have a healthy meal instead of going out to eat.

Quit smoking.

Shift from sodas to water.

Change your eating habits to improve your health.

Share knowledge with others. Pass your stories and what you've learned over the years to the next generation.

Have a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

"One can never consent to creep when one feels an impulse to soar." ~Helen Keller

Shana Tate Hammond

Pickens District, Seat 4

This month on Connections

Connections is a weekly radio program on KCNP that covers a variety of topics and issues.

Each week, special guests are invited to discuss their areas of experience and expertise with host Brian Brashier.

Connections airs live on KCNP at 11 a.m. CST each Wednesday on 89.5 FM or streaming online at www.kcnpradio.org.

This month on Connections:

"Keeping fit after the holidays" – January 4

Keep your New Year's resolutions to eat better and exercise more! We'll get tips from a wellness pro on how to kick start healthier habits after the holidays.

"Historic Preservation and Repatriation"– January 11

A representative from the Chickasaw Nation's Department of Homeland Affairs will be in the studio to talk about issues regarding preservation and repatriation.

"#socialmediaetiquette"– January 18

Our guest this week will cover how to sensibly use social media.

"Getting kids into art"– January 25

We'll discuss how to channel the natural creativity in youth this week with representatives from the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities.

"What to expect when you're expecting " – February 1

Expecting a baby? Have questions? You won't want to miss Connections this week. We'll have a doctor in the studio to talk about prenatal care and what to do when getting ready to have a baby.

Listeners are invited to call the show's toll-free line at 1-TLK-895-KCNP (1-855-895-5267) to talk to each week's guest.

Questions and comments for guests can also be emailed to feedback@kcnpradio.org.

This month on CNTV

· The U.S. Mint recently unveiled a special quarter commemorating the Chickasaw National Recreational Area. Find out more on CNTV!

· Two Chickasaw Nation For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) LEGO League teams are headed to statewide competition. CNTV will be there to cover the big event.

· CNTV visits the Council House Museum as part of this month's special feature. Located on the Capitol Square in Tishomingo, the Chickasaw Council House Museum holds one of the largest collections of Chickasaw art, artifacts and archive materials.

….and much more! New episodes are available on the first and fifteenth of each month.

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Tribe, association join tourism efforts for 'Chickasaw Country'

Arbuckle Country Marketing Association, a south central Oklahoma regional tourism group, is changing its name to Chickasaw Country Marketing Association.

The change is set to take effect Jan. 1.

The new name reflects the effort between the Chickasaw Nation and Arbuckle Country Marketing Association to blend tourism efforts.

"This is more than just a name change. It marks a closer working relationship between our organizations," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "It is only natural that we combine our efforts to promote all the great attractions and events in this area.

"The new partnership will offer both the tourism group and the Chickasaw Nation more opportunities to market the region and its attractions to potential tourists around the world."

The region consists of seven counties in south-central Oklahoma. A member representing each county makes up the ACMA board.

"Tourism is becoming an increasingly important part of Oklahoma's economy so it is essential that we work together to encourage people to discover the natural beauty, history and hospitality of our state," Gov. Anoatubby said.

The board voted unanimously to change the group's name during an August board meeting, said Kim Little, ACMA executive director.

The ACMA board viewed the partnership as a "win-win" for both organizations, she said.

"The board of Arbuckle Country Marketing Association saw the partnership as an opportunity to elevate exposure for our members and to streamline the tourism message in south central Oklahoma," Ms. Little said. "We're excited about the future and want to be successful at marketing the region. This partnership just solidifies our commitment and helps unify our message on a much larger scale."

Attractions in Chickasaw Country include Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Turner Falls, the Chickasaw Cultural Center, Arbuckle Wilderness, Crossbar Ranch, Lake Murray Resort, WinStar World Casino, the McSwain Historic Theatre and the Texoma Lake region.

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CHICKASAW COUNTRY

Gov. Anoatubby presents Thorpe Award to top defensive back

Gov. Bill Anoatubby presented the Jim Thorpe Award at the Home Depot College Football Awards Show on Dec. 8. The presentation marked the third consecutive year Gov. Anoatubby participated in the event.

The 21st annual awards show was at the Walt Disney World Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. The event aired on ESPN.

The Jim Thorpe Award is presented annually to college football's outstanding defensive back.

Gov. Anoatubby presented the 2011 Jim Thorpe Award to LSU junior cornerback Morris Claiborne.

Morris Claiborne

The award is named after Jim Thorpe (1887-1953), Native American Olympic champion and professional football player who is widely regarded as the greatest athlete of his time.

The other Thorpe Award finalists for 2011 were North Carolina State sophomore David Amerson, and Alabama senior Mark Barron.

For more information about the Jim Thorpe Awards visit http://www.jimthorpeassoc.org.

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Free Emergency Response Team training available to volunteers Jan. 13-15 in Ada

Citizen Corp and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will host a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training in conjunction with the Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue program, January 13-15, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. This is a free training provided to community members who wish to be a part of team and come together in a time of a disaster.

CERT volunteers are trained in disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact our community. The training will include fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. Seating is limited.

For more information or to reserve your seat for this training please contact Kelly Logan at Kelly.Logan@chickasaw.net or (580) 272-5587.

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Chickasaw Language Club meetings set for Jan. 28 in Ada, Ardmore

Chipota Chikashshanompoli, the Chickasaw Language Club, will meet Saturday, Jan. 28.

· 9 – 11 a.m. at Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center, 229 W. Seabrook Road, Ada.

· 1 – 3 p.m., Carter Seminary Gym, 2400 Chickasaw Blvd., Ardmore.

The club is open to children, ages three to 13, who are interested in learning more about Chickasaw language and participating in fun monthly activities.

The club focuses on the importance of using the Chickasaw language in daily life. Each month the club meets to practice Chickasaw language and embark on an adventure that will incorporate newly introduced Chickasaw words.

To join the club or to learn more, please contact Rachel Wedlow at (580) 272-5540 or Rachel.Wedlow@Chickasaw.net.

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Lighthorse officers collecting unwanted prescription medicines

The Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department is collecting unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications at 22 locations throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

The Prescription Take Back Program is part of a three-year "Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Grant" that seeks to educate people about the dangers of alcohol and substance abuse.

Under the program, individuals are encouraged to dispose their unwanted prescription medication pills at a prescription drop off box. No syringes, inhalers or liquid medications are accepted.

These boxes will be monitored by Lighthorse Police investigative analyst Tammy Hughes. The medications will be documented and taken to a proper disposal location to prevent misuse.

The non-medical use and abuse of the prescription drugs is a serious public health problem. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, 20 percent of Americans ages 12 and older, have used prescription drugs for nonmedical reasons at least once in their lifetime.

In addition to preventing abuse, the Prescription Take Back Program will also prevent pollution to streams and rivers from medications being poured down the drain or flushed down the toilet.

The prescription drop off locations are:

Bryan County

· Achille Senior Site at 104 W Main, Achille.

· Bryan County Clinic Pharmacy at 1524 W. Chuckwa, Durant.

Carter County

· Ardmore Senior site at 949 Locust NW, Ardmore.

· Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Health Clinic at 2510 Chickasaw Blvd., Ardmore.

Garvin County

· Pauls Valley Senior Site at 109 N. Indian Meridian Road, Pauls Valley.

· Pauls Valley Police Department at 215 North Walnut Street, Pauls Valley.

· Garvin County Court House, 201 West Grant, Pauls Valley.

Johnston County

· Connerville Senior site at 6700 N. Hwy. 377, Connerville.

· Chickasaw Nation Tishomingo Health Clinic Pharmacy at 815 E. 6th Street, Tishomingo, Okla.

· Tishomingo Senior Site at 1199 W. Ray Branum Road, Tishomingo.

Marshall County

· Madill Senior Site at Corner of Hwy 70 and 5th Street, Oakland.

· Madill Police Department at 201 East Overton Street, Madill.

McClain County

· Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Department North Office at US highway 62 and SE 32nd St., Newcastle.

· Chickasaw Nation Purcell Health Clinic at 1438 Hardcastle Blvd., Purcell.

· Purcell Senior Site at 703 Sherri Classic Blvd., Purcell.

Murray County

· Sulphur Senior Site at 401 E. Oklahoma, Sulphur.

Pontotoc County

· Lighthorse Police Department Headquarters at 1130 W. Main, Ada.

· Ada Senior Site at 1005 Chamber Loop, Ada

· Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Pharmacy at 1921 Stonecipher Blvd., Ada.

· Chickasaw Nation ReUse center at 2205 North Broadway, Ada

· Allen Police Department at 109 N Memphis St., Allen.

· Kullihoma Senior Site (12 miles east of Ada on Hwy. 1, then 5 miles south on Kullihoma Road)

For more information, please contact Tammy Hughes at (580) 436-1166 or (580) 399-8493.

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'Christmas at the Museum'

Seven-year-old Aaron Pack, of Milburn, Okla., and five-year-old Ambria Caraway, of Tishomingo, Okla., make mini-wreaths at the Chickasaw Council House in Tishomingo Dec. 10 during the "Christmas at the Museums" celebrations. Photo by Sharmina Manandhar.

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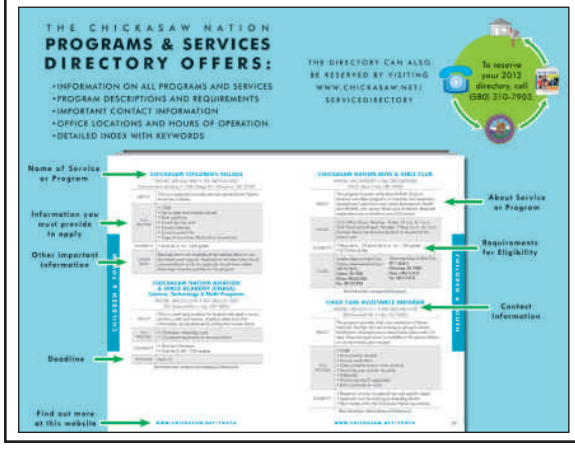
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Scott started up services company

Chickasaw entrepreneur learned determination from 'Pearl'

Brad Scott

Brad Scott grew up with the attitude "never give up."

The Chickasaw citizen inherited his outlook from his late grandmother Eula "Pearl" Carter Scott.

Mrs. Scott is well-known among Chickasaws as the youngest licensed pilot in the American history. She received her license at the age of 13 in 1928. By 14, she was flying her father to business appointments and wowing air show audiences with her aerobatic maneuvers all over Oklahoma.

She was also the subject of "Pearl," an award-winning full-length feature film produced by the Chickasaw Nation as well as "Never Give Up," a Chickasaw Press publication.

Mr. Scott is the president and chief executive officer of Cetan Corp., a company he started in 2007 with an investment of $5,000. Within a year, the Virginia-based company that provides technical and professional services to government and commercial organizations, generated $1.5 million in revenue.

"A lot of it is being unwavering from our goals and never giving up," Mr. Scott said.

Cetan Corp. was recently named as one of the 500 fastest-growing companies in America. Cetan was also ranked the top Native American-run company by Inc. magazine. Mr. Scott was named top Native American entrepreneur. He was also the recipient of the National Center for American Indian Economic Developments "40 Under 40" of top Native American Entrepreneurs for 2010.

Cetan, which translates to "hawk" in Native American language, incorporates Chickasaw and other Native principles to guide the company toward success.

"Given our (Chickasaw) motto is 'unconquered and unconquerable,' that is one of the main driving factors," Mr. Scott said. "We, at Cetan, are aggressive in our business practices but we also have a great sense of community."

The company employs 18 and defines success as "having positive impact on our customers, employees and community as a whole."

The nine-year U.S. Army and National Guard veteran first started his professional career in information technology as a senior software consultant at BMC Software. Within three years he was promoted to practice leader of one of the largest professional services group within the company and was managing 50 employees and generating over $14 million in annual revenue. He later joined a small BMC Software business partner in an executive leadership role, transforming the $1.5 million organization into an international company with over $ 12 million in annual revenue.

Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby said Mr. Scott was "a role model for young Chickasaws.

"Like his dynamic, determined and caring grandmother Pearl, Brad exemplifies many of the finest qualities of Chickasaw people," Gov. Anoatubby said. "He is an excellent example of how hard work, dedication and perseverance can lead to success."

Front row from left, Mickey and Linda Scott. Back row from left, Brad and Bill Scott.

Mr. Scott lives in Chesapeake, Virginia with his wife Mickey. His parents are Bill and Linda Scott, of Boyce, Virginia.

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Chris Anoatubby named to Ada Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Chris Anoatubby

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw citizen Chris Anoatubby has been recently named to the Ada Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Mr. Anoatubby serves as the Chief Medical Solutions Officer for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce. He is a member of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists, and the American Pharmacists Association. He is also currently participating in Leadership Oklahoma Class XXIV.

Chris Anoatubby and his wife Becky live in Ada with their three children, Brendan, Eryn and Sydney.

Ada Area Chamber of Commerce Board members are selected by a vote of the chamber membership.

Mr. Anoatubby's term will run through 2014.

The Ada Area Chamber of Commerce serves businesses and individuals in and around Ada.

Also elected were Russ Allen, Raymond James Financial; Will Martin, Citizens Bank; Vicky Petete, Vision Bank; Shane Sweeney, Sweeney & Associates; Kent Rogers, Valley View Regional Hospital; and Hershel Williams, Pontotoc Technology Center.

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Chickasaw dental therapist graduates from Community Dental Health program

Angela Black

Angela Black wants to bring a bright smile to everyone's face.

The Chickasaw citizen is a dental therapist at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center and recently graduated from an 18-month Community Dental Health Training program.

The pilot program created by the American Dental Association strives to improve oral health in underserved communities where residents have no or limited access to care. Participants are drawn from the communities in which they will serve and provide limited clinical services. They also help connect patients to dentists who will provide treatment.

Participants take classes at one of the three training sites and complete a six-month internship. Mrs. Black completed her training at the University of Oklahoma.

As part of her internship at the medical center, Mrs. Black visited senior sites throughout the Chickasaw Nation. She provided dental services such as temporary fillings, fluoride varnishes, x-rays, facilitating appointments, coordinating patient transportation to and from the medical center and more. She was also involved in patient outreach, dental education and prevention.

Mrs. Black said that it was "really neat" to work with the elders.

She also said she was excited to "make a difference" in the lives of Chickasaw citizens and other Native Americans.

"I am honored to be able to brighten their smile and their day," Mrs. Black said. "With a bright smile, they walk out with confidence and self esteem versus when they first came in."

She said she looked forward to using her new training to reach out to more citizens and Native Americans and provide them the "dental care they need and deserve."

Mrs. Black and her husband Brad live in Allen, Okla., with their daughters Tessa and Kellyn Black and son Hunter Boyd.

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November 2011 Outstanding Achievement Award Recipients

Taryn Jack

Taryn, daughter of Tyler and Marcy Jack, of Ada, Okla., is a November 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Overall Performance.

Taryn Jack

Taryn is a senior at Ada High School and was nominated by girls basketball coach Michelle Shannon.

"Taryn is an outstanding student athlete who competes on the girls softball, soccer and basketball teams," said coach Shannon. "She does this while maintaining an A grade point average."

Taryn is a member of the National Honor Society and is currently enrolled in honors and advanced placement classes. Last year, Taryn organized the annual Ada High School Blood Drive which was an outstanding success that exceeded the schools goals.

"I would like to attend East Central University and major in Pre-medicine and become an oncologist," said Taryn." "I want to help people and treat people who are affected by cancer."

Maebree Abney

Maebree, daughter of Teddy and Tammy Abney, of Ada, Okla., is a November 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Maebree Abney

Maebree is in the seventh grade at Latta Junior High and was nominated by social studies teacher Eddie Collins.

"Maebree has done exceptional work in both geography and science," said Mr. Collins. "She is pleasant to be around and a well-mannered young lady who is a great representative of Latta schools."

Maebree's favorite sports include softball and basketball. As a member of a softball team, called the Lady Switchbacks, she won the state and world series tournaments. Maebree also enjoys photography.

"In my future, I want to do hair and nails, as well as go to college," said Maebree.

Micah Gross

Micah, daughter of Mike and Samantha Gross, of Roff, Okla., is a November 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Micah Gross

Micah is a senior at Roff High School and was nominated by business and computer teacher Jana Stewart.

"Micah works hard and has a 4.0 grade point average," said Ms. Stewart. "She is also taking college courses and is in an after-school program that helps younger students."

Micah belongs to many school organizations. These include the National Honor Society, the gifted and talented program and the cheerleading squad. She enjoys spending her free time with family and friends.

"My plans for the future include going to college so that I can get a good job," said Micah.

Jalen Cohee

Jalen, son of Quincy and Trina Cohee, of Ardmore, Okla., is a November 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Jalen Cohee

Jalen is a third grader at Charles Evans Elementary School and was nominated by third-grade teacher Morgan Seals.

"Jalen is a determined student who does his best in class," said Ms. Seals. "He has a positive outlook and is an absolute joy to have in class."

Jalen enjoys sports, being outdoors, riding horses and playing with his two brothers and sister. His favorite food is pizza.

"When I get older I would like to be a football player," said Jalen.

Carly Horton

Carly, daughter of Shawn and Dawn Horton, of Ada, Okla., is a November 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.

Carly Horton

Carly is a fourth grader at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by fourth grade teacher Carla Husband.

"Carly is a dedicated student," said Ms. Husband. "She sets a great example for today's Chickasaw youth."

Carly's hobbies include riding four wheelers, archery and playing her Wii gaming system. She enjoys basketball and has won two hot shot awards at the Latta basketball camp.

"Someday I will play for the University of Oklahoma's woman basketball team," said Carly. "Sherri Coale is my favorite coach, and I will play for her."

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Students at Celebration

The Chickasaw Nation Science, Technology and Math students lend a helping hand at the concession stand December 6 during the Chickasaw Christmas Celebration. Back row from left, Sean Jesse, Josh Tingle and Adam Click. Front row from left, Melissa Ellis, Chase Imotichey, David Barlow and Morgan McDonald

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Tech Challenge team Y-Not Robots

Young Chickasaw engineers take top spots at regional competition

Front row from left, Sean Jesse, Adam Click, Joshua Tingle, Morgan McDonald, Latisha Price, Melissa Ellis, Chance Christian, Patrick Cooke and Kegan Bruce. Back row, mentor Rob Murray.

WEATHERFORD, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation FIRST Tech Challenge team, Y-Not Robots, won two first place awards during the regional competition December 3 in Weatherford.

The awards won include the Think Award and Winning Alliance.

The Think Award is given to the team that shows through its Engineering Notebook the journey taken in designing the robot. The notebook includes successes, challenges and new ideas.

"After all the hard work and worries that we had, it all paid off," Y-Not team member and Stonewall High School sophomore LaTisha Price said. "It got us the Think Award."

Y-Not Robots, consisting of 10 Chickasaw Nation students, competed against 22 other teams. Their two first-place victories ensured a place at the state finals on March 3.

"The FIRST Tech Challenge State Championship will be a tremendous time of friendship, fellowship and gracious competitive spirit," Steve Paniagua, tribal science, technology and mather teacher sai. "I am looking forward to the energized atmosphere."

The Think Award is given to the team that best reflects its experiences as team members designed and built their robot during the season. The Winning Alliance is awarded to the two winning alliance teams in the robot completion. Y-Not Robots, partnered with The Light Sabers of Oklahoma City, swept the competition.

The FIRST Tech Challenge inspires high school students in science, math and technology. Competing head to head using a sports model, teams of up to 10 students are responsible for designing, building and programming their robots to compete in an alliance format against others.

For more information about FIRST Tech Challenge program, contact Oscar Gore at (580) 272-5579.

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Tribal health programs top expenditures for FY2012 ytd

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending November 30, 2011

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $11.2 million for the month and $22.0 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $9.9 million for the month and $14.6 year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for November totaled $170.2 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $41.3 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $20.15 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At November 30, 2011, the tribal government funds had $157.3 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $19.2 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $191.0 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of November 30, 2011, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $1.303 billion compared to $1.269 billion at September 30, 2011 or an increase of $34 million.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Two Months Ended November 30, 2011

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	885,846	170,165,307	171,051,153
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	21,132,369	(21,132,369)	-
Total funds available	22,018,215	149,032,938	171,051,153
Expenditures			
General government	1,696,112		1,696,112
Legislature	312,292		312,292
Judiciary	128,018		128,018
Education	1,723,306		1,723,306
Heritage Preservation	2,005,497		2,005,497
Health	3,759,349		3,759,349
Youth and Family Services	1,586,452		1,586,452
Nutrition Programs	796,777		796,777
Regulatory	1,299,701		1,299,701
Assistance Programs	1,356,240		1,356,240
Gaming expense		93,615,257	93,615,257
Other businesses' expense		35,262,692	35,262,692
Total expenditures	14,663,742	128,877,949	143,541,691
Increase in net assets	7,354,473	20,154,989	27,509,462
Beginning net assets	595,374,191	680,428,193	1,275,802,385
Ending net assets	602,728,665	700,583,182	1,303,311,847

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
November 30, 2011

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	157,394,734	191,063,752	348,458,486
Receivables	38,235,042	62,008,099	100,243,141
Inventory	231,930	6,430,116	6,662,046
Prepaid expenses		16,788,531	16,788,531
Other Assets		2,518,779	2,518,779
Fixed assets	408,081,520	553,570,166	961,651,686
Less payables	(1,214,561)	(131,796,262)	(133,010,823)
Net Assets	602,728,665	700,583,182	1,303,311,847

Army NCO surprises children with an unexpected family reunion

Jakob Hisaw, William Bellville, Jordynn Bellville and Heather Bellville at Fitzhugh Head Start Dec. 15.

Marcy Gray

FITZHUGH, Okla. - Tears rolled down Jakob Hisaw's face as he hugged his stepfather for a long time.

The six-year-old Chickasaw boy and his stepsister Jordynn Bellville, 3, were meeting Staff Sgt. William Bellville after more than 10 months.

Staff Sgt. Bellville, an Oklahoma Army National Guard, had been deployed to Afghanistan last February.

The family reunion at the Fitzhugh Head Start in December was a surprise Christmas gift for the children

The surprise, which included the children opening a telephone-booth-sized gift box with Staff Sgt. Bellville in it, was planned by his wife Heather. Mrs. Bellville was assisted by her daughter's teacher Nikki McElhannon.

Mrs. Bellville said it was "so hard" to keep the secret from her children and other family members for two months.

"They very much miss their daddy. They would get upset about William not being here for Christmas," she said. "It was so hard not to just say 'don't cry he will be here.'"

Staff Sgt. Bellville said he felt "nervous" as he waited to come out of the box.

"It's the hardest thing to be away from your kids and wife," he said.

He also said the children had grown a lot since the last time he saw them, especially Jakob.

While deployed, Staff Sgt. Bellville would communicate with his family via telephone once or twice a week and occasionally via Skype, he said. Skype is a free online voice, video and instant messaging communication tool.

The Ada, Okla. resident has been in service for 10 years and has been deployed overseas twice before.

Though he was home for two weeks only, Mrs. Bellville said it was "better than nothing."

"We will cherish every day, every moment with him," she said.

The happy reunion brought a pleasant surprise for another three-year-old girl as well.

Staff Sgt. Bellville presented a locket to his daughter's classmate Kierstyn Troutman, whose father Jeremy is currently deployed in Kuwait. The locket was donated by Gem Jewelers, a local business in Ada.

Volunteers from the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities assisted during the occasion by making the gift box that Staff Sgt. Bellville came out from.

"We are very delighted to be a small part of this joyous occasion. We welcome Staff Sgt. William Bellville and wish him a very enjoyable time with his family this holiday season," Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Every day, Mr Bellville and others in armed forces make selfless sacrifices to ensure our way of life. We have a deep debt of gratitude for them and their families."

When asked what he wanted to do with his stepfather, Jakob, overwhelmed with all the excitement, replied, "I want to go home."

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Watch the reunion on chickasaw.tv

Watch the videos and highlights of Jakob's reunion with his stepfather on the Jan. 15 episode of the Chickasaw Nation Television (CNTV) available at www.chickasaw.net and www.chickasaw.tv. The biweekly news show highlighting events, people and activities in the Chickasaw Nation, airs the first and the fifteenth of every month. Archives of the programs are also available on www.chickasaw.tv.

Chickasaw rider takes Canadian Finals Barrel Racing championship

Trula Churchill competes at the 2011 Canadian Finals Rodeo Nov. 13 at Edmonton, Alberta.

Photo provided by Bruce Edwards, Edmonton Journal.

Trula Churchill says rodeo is in her genes.

"This has been part of my family for a long time," the 42-year-old Chickasaw citizen from Valentine, Neb., said. "I started when I was five."

Mrs. Churchill's grandfather Dick Truitt was one of the founding members of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

She is the 2011 Canadian Finals Rodeo Barrel Racing champion. Barrel racing is a rodeo event where the participant is tasked to complete a clover-leaf pattern around three barrels in the fastest time. Mrs. Churchill's record at the competition last November was 14.5 seconds.

Mrs. Churchill said she has always enjoyed rodeo despite it being "a lot of work."

She spends a lot of time traveling to and from rodeo events as well as taking care of her six-year-old horse Worm.

"Everything is about the horse," she said. "His well being is my primary concern. He eats before I do, he sleeps before I do.

In addition to rodeo, Mrs. Churchill also taught fifth through eighth grades for almost 20 years.

At her husband Linn's encouragement, she quit her day job last year to pursue rodeo full time.

"Having a family that supports you in your goals and aspirations is very important,' she said.

Mrs. Churchill encourages Chickasaw youth to pursue their passions despite the outcome.

"You can be at the top one day and can be at the bottom another day," she said. "Don't beat yourself up if you have a bad day. Just take it all in stride."

Mrs. Churchill's parents are Janet and Richard Truitt, of Stonewall, Okla.

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Kids have a big time during annual Christmas Celebrations

Chickasaw Princess Nacobi Walker, Little Miss Chickasaw Keilyn Factor and Chickasaw Junior Princess Raechell Meely, from left, with, first row from left; Jaylissa Lewis, 2, Phoenyx Powell, 4, Jeremiah Thomas, 4, and Khrya John-Parker, 4, at the Ada Christmas Celebration, conducted Dec. 5 at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex. Marcy Gray

Eight-month-old Mason Stepp meets Santa at the Chickasaw Children's Christmas Celebration in Ada Dec. 5. More than 700 local residents attended the annual event.

Ardmore resident Estrella Mendoza, 5, visits with Santa at the Ardmore Christmas Celebration, Dec. 13 at Skateland.

Yuletide joy was found throughout the Chickasaw Nation and beyond during the annual Children's Christmas Celebrations in December.

Hundreds of Chickasaw kids visited with Santa and enjoyed Christmas Celebrations in Oklahoma City, Ada, Tishomingo and Ardmore.

Besides visiting with St. Nick, each child joined in fun activities such as snow tubing, ice skating and roller skating.

Ada Celebration

In Ada, more than 700 people attended the holiday event on Dec. 6.

David Barlow, a member of the tribal youth robotics program, volunteered at the event. David was one of many Chickasaw students who helped youngster's ice skate, served cookies and hot chocolate or handed out stockings full of goodies.

David said the cheerfulness of the holidays was his favorite part of the season.

"When everyone comes together and gets in the spirit of giving and seeing people's faces light up when you give them a gift."

Jerron Tiger said his favorite part of the holidays in looking at the lights in Wintersmith Park.

OKC Celebration

Dozens of Chickasaw families from across the metro area gathered Monday, Dec. 5 .at Bricktown Ballpark to experience Snow Tubing at the Brick, the largest manmade snow tubing slope in the southwest.

More than 160 children braved the cold weather to slide on the slope and visit Santa.

Tishomingo Celebration

The Johnston County Fairbarn, Tishomingo was a hub of holiday activities Thursday, Dec. 8.

About 350 Chickasaws attended the Yule event, which featured ice skating.

Visiting with Santa and eating Christmas cookies was also part of the holiday fun.

Ardmore Celebration

Hundreds of children enjoyed roller skating, visiting with Santa and other events at the Chickasaw Nation Christmas Celebration in Ardmore, conducted Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the Skateland.

More than 370 Chickasaw students and parents attended the event.

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Three-year-old Alonso Mershon, Sulphur, ducks under the limbo pole during the Ardmore Christmas Celebration. Roller skating was the highlight of the Dec. 13 celebration.

Auna Friant receives a helping hand in the ice rink from Chickasaw Nation Metal Mayhem robotics team member David Barlow at the Ada Chickasaw Christmas Celebration, Dec. 5.

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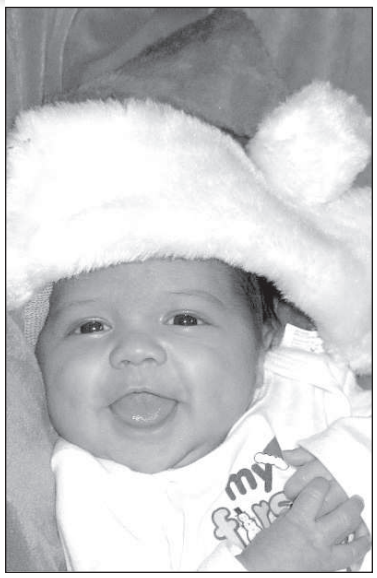

Elijah Bryce Copeland

Elijah Bryce Copeland was born October 12, 2011. He weighed 4 lbs., 14 oz., and measured 18 inches at birth.

He is the son of John and Monica Copeland. He is the brother of Cayden, 8.

He is the grandson of Wilson and Anita Seawright, of Ardmore, Okla., and the late Larry Copeland and Naomi Copeland. Great-grandparents are JJ Copeland and the late Elizabeth Copeland, of Mannsville, Okla., the late Irvin and Martha Kirkpatrick, the late Jack and Elsie Seawright and the late Fredrick and Gladys Cardile.

Rhaelynn Isabella Perez

Dekkota Perez and Rhoda Munoz, of Fort Stockton, Texas, announce the birth of their daughter, Rhaelynn Isabella Perez.

She was born December 6, 2011. She weighed 6 lbs., 8 oz., and measured 19.5 inches at birth.

Proud grandparents are Michelle Walton and Luis and Vickie Munoz, all of Fort Stockton.

She is the granddaughter of the late Jackie Walton and the great-granddaughter of the late Helen Shico Walton an original enrollee.

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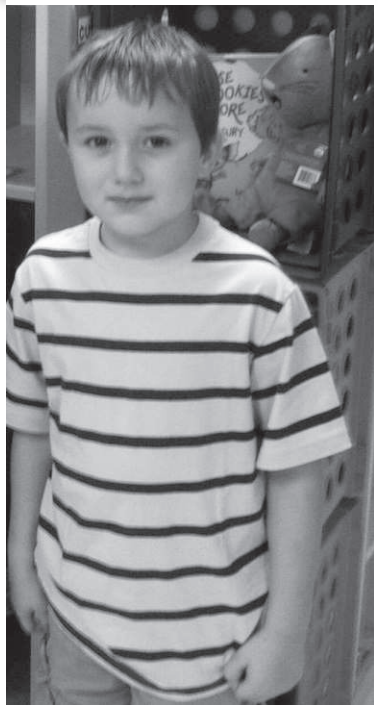


Kole Ryan McClain

Kole Ryan McClain turned six years old November 28, 2011. Kole attends kindergarten at Lumberton (Texas) Elementary.

He enjoyed the day with a cookie cake at his school and a birthday cake at home.

To help Kole celebrate were his mother, Cristy McClain, his brother, Kaleb Renfro and a family friend, Justin Leiker.

Kole is the grandson of Gary and Janice Renfro. He is the great-grandson of Lorene Renfro.

Doretta Sellers

Doretta Sellers earns bachelor's from ECU

Doretta Sellers graduated Dec. 10, 2011 with a bachelor of science degree in business organization leadership from East Central University

Ms. Sellers is a long-time Chickasaw Nation employee and has served as the Chief of Staff and Recording Secretary of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature since July, 1985. She is the only person to hold those positions under the Chickasaw Constitution of 1983.

Prior to her current position, she served the Chickasaw Nation in the finance department.

Ms. Sellers has attended ECU part-time since 2003 while maintaining her full-time employment with the Legislative Department.

Sulphur students in JOM art competition

Chickasaw students from Sulphur (OK) Middle School, from left, Bowen Imotichey, seventh grade student and son of Jamie Hill; Payton Szalaj, seventh grade student and daughter of Mercy and Eric Szalaj; and Justin Vineyard, eighth grade student and son of Robin and Brandy Lawson, recently competed in the "Rise Up to Education" JOM art competition. The students were assisted by their art teacher, Mrs. Kelly Reed.

Cheerleaders headline Houston Parade

These three Chickasaw cheerleaders are students at Tishomingo (OK) Middle School. From left are Shelby Smith, Danya Hook and Caitlyn Sparlin. The girls were selected as UCA All American Cheerleaders after auditioning in June 2011. The girls received a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to perform a cheer routine to a Michael Jackson remix as the opening act in the 2011 Houston Thanksgiving Day Parade. The Nov. 24 parade was televised on the local CBS affiliate. All three girls are proud citizens of the Chickasaw Nation.

After School Program

Chickasaw students Deland Cobb, Lauren John, Maci Dansby and Nayupka Ramsey, from left, dive into fun during the After School Program in December. Offered twice a year to Chickasaw citizens, the program creates opportunities for school-age students to learn new skills and knowledge, exercise and develop a healthy lifestyle. Mike McKee

Oregon Guardsman completes basic at Ft. Sill

Specialist Travis Evans

Specialist Travis Evans of the Oregon National Guard has completed basic training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. He will apply for the officer candidacy program in 2012.

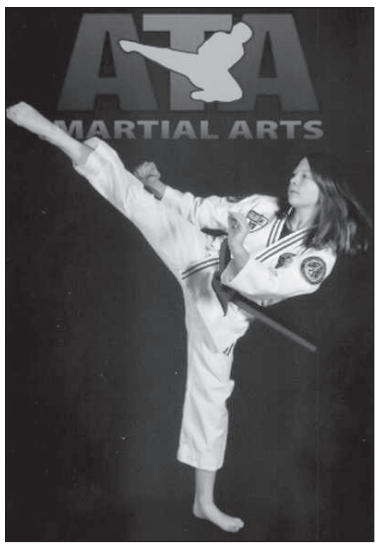
Spc. Evans is the son of Kelly and Estin Warren.

He is the grandson of Az Carmen and Ev Evans, and the great-grandson of Mulsie Lomer, an original enrollee.

Chickasaw student is Christmas card winner

RJ Cunningtubby, 8, was the winner of the 2011 Lubbock (TX) Independent School District's Christmas card contest. His artwork was chosen for the elementary division and will be published and sold by the Fine Arts Department of the Lubbock Independent School District. RJ is the son of Ricky and Alma Cunningtubby, of Lubbock.

Chickasaw girl earns Taekwondo awards



Taekwondo black-belt student Reily Warren earned state champion in forms, sparring and creative taekwondo for the third consecutive year. She earned her black belt in 2011 from Duer's ATA Black Belt Academy in Eugene, Ore. Reily is the daughter of Kelly and Estin Warren. She is the granddaughter of Az Carmen and Ev Evans, and the great-granddaughter of Mulsie Lomer, an original enrollee.

From left, Jazmyn Powell, Jaidyn Gatewood and Jaicey Mae-Mae Gatewood.

Chickasaw girls tops at rodeo events

Three young Chickasaw girls are doing well in rodeo. The girls have been in rodeo since they could sit in the saddle.

Jazmyn Powell, 8, Jaidyn Gatewood, 4, and Jaicey Mae-Mae Gatewood, 2, are all 2011 Young Guns Junior Rodeo Association All-Around champions. They compete in barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, goat ribbons and flag race.

Jazmyn started breakaway roping this year and Jaidyn competes in mutton busting.

Jazmyn and Jaidyn both won saddles and Jaicey won a buckle at the recent rodeo.

The girls are the daughters of Janan Powell and Roscoe Gatewood, of Ardmore, Okla, and the grandchildren of Sammy and Charla Powell, of Springer, Okla.

Colorado Chickasaw Community Council

Happy New Year! We hope everyone's holiday season went well.

Our last gathering, November 19, was greeted by many local citizens, including some for the first time. Attending from Oklahoma was Beth Alexander, Legislature of the Panola District and Mike Wingo from the Nation's Housing & Tribal Development.

Beth spoke of how the Chickasaw tribal government is formed as well as how it functions. Citizens were encouraged to write to their Chickasaw legislatures and share what they feel is important and needed from our tribal nation. Beth also brought kits & the recipe for "Pashofa," a traditional corn & pork chop main dish.

Mike shared about housing services for our citizens At-Large, including downpayment assistance. And our local NAYA representative, Jen Matheson, spoke of home-ownership, financial wellness programs and the urban Native American community in Portland, OR. .

Shane Houston holding son, Steve, attended their first community council meeting.

Council's next quarterly gathering is February 11. For more information, visit our community website: http://www.pnccc.us or contact either Kim Factor or Rena Smith.

Best wishes to all for a prosperous new year.

Student inducted into Alpha Chi Society

Jerris Dee Egge

Chickasaw student Jerris Dee Egge has recently been inducted into the Alpha Chi Honor Society.

Mrs. Egge has just completed her junior year at East Central University, Ada, Okla.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Egge, of Hurley, N.M.

Mrs. Egge's is a descendant of original enrollee Walter Jack.

Robert Perry

Chickasaw senior runner third at Tulsa

A Chickasaw senior runner has recently completed the annual 5k Tulsa Run.

Robert Perry, of Ada, Okla., ran the race in October in Tulsa. The run is conducted along the riverfront of the Arkansas River.

Mr. Perry finished third in his age division.

Mr. Perry says that he is keeping up the historic tradition of Chickasaw runner.

Lil' Lighthorse cruiser

Lighthorse Police officer Chad Harp bought his son, Dillon, this Dodge Charger for a Christmas present. Workers added the Lighthorse graphics to make a slick little cruiser.

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Letters to Editor

Couple impressed despite earthquakes, tornados and other mishaps

To the Editor:

We are writing to you about our recent trip to Oklahoma and the Chickasaw Nation.

First of all we would like to give a big thank you to some very deserving people in Ada for all the kindness shown us in our time of need. To all the people at the Ada Ford Dealership a big Thank You for all your help.

Rick Carson also played a role in our recent visit to Ada while on a deer hunt. Rangers kept checking on our wellbeing while there and were very helpful. Thank You!

We went to the Kullihoma Reservation with our two grandsons for a deer hunt, unfortunately no one was able to get a deer, but our oldest Edward did get a small pig. He was and is so proud of that pig. We all did enjoy the outing. While there we did experience the earthquake and trimmers that fallowed, also the much needed rains, oh yes and the high winds from nearby tornados. We were jokingly told we were the reason for this since they came during our timely visit. Perhaps they were onto something as we became stranded there due to a breakdown, 500 miles from home, it seems we were a jinx.

We started home on Sunday the 6th and only made it to the Chickasaw Turnpike when we saw smoke coming from all around the our truck. We looked under the truck and saw transmission fluid just pouring out and smoking. Tried to get our road service with little luck they could not locate our position. We were given a number earlier in the week for a man at the Kullihoma Reservation if we needed anything; he gave us a number to call.

Called that number it was for Smity's Towing, Buck was the gentleman's name very nice, came right away and towed our truck into Ada Ford. We were pulling a 29' camper, so still needed to get it off the road. Bobby and Debbie Walker called and offered to pull us back to the Kullihoma Reservation where they parked our camper until we could get help with our truck repairs. They so graciously offered us their own personal truck to get around in until we had repairs done. The transmission was a total loss and had to order a new one.

Bobby and Debbie are wonderful people; they were a God's sent in our time of trouble. They treated us like we were Family. My Husband and I spent an extra week there until our truck was ready. The trip turned out to be a 2 ½ week trip instead of just a week, but enjoyed hospitality of all.

We were shown sites around the area, invited to their home & to Family gatherings. This couple and their Family are such great ambassadors for the Chickasaw People and Oklahoma. The time spent with them and others will be a wonderful memory for us. (Even with our mishaps)

We do plan to return to the area it has so many things to see and history to learn. It is such a beautiful place. Bill and I would once again like to Thank Bobby and Debbie Walker so much for such a wonderful time, we will always value your friendship, you are a part of our Family now. Hope to see you again under better circumstances. You have our Love and Gratitude

Sincerely,
Billy and Melba Jordan
Eunice, New Mexico

Southeastern Oklahoma State University seeks Native American advisor

The Academic Advisor reports to the Project Director and will identify and assist Native American students with enrollment, retention and graduation; assist with enrollment activities for general student population; serve as as resource to staff and faculty concerning Native American learning styles and issues in Higher Education; provide needed reports to Project Director.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

-Advisement of Native American students

-Teach College Success course for NA students as part of grant

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-Promote C2C Project to Native American education professionals and students.

-Assist with Native American Student Visitation Day each fall in conjunction with SE Live

-JOM Coordinator workshop on SOSU campus in conjunction with the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations education departments

-Attend local, state, and national conference on Indian Education.

-Visit area community colleges to promote 2+2 agreements.

-Tracking data of institutional retention/ graduation rates for NA students

-Assisting current students with scholarship and tribal funding applications

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-Perform other duties as assigned by the Project Director

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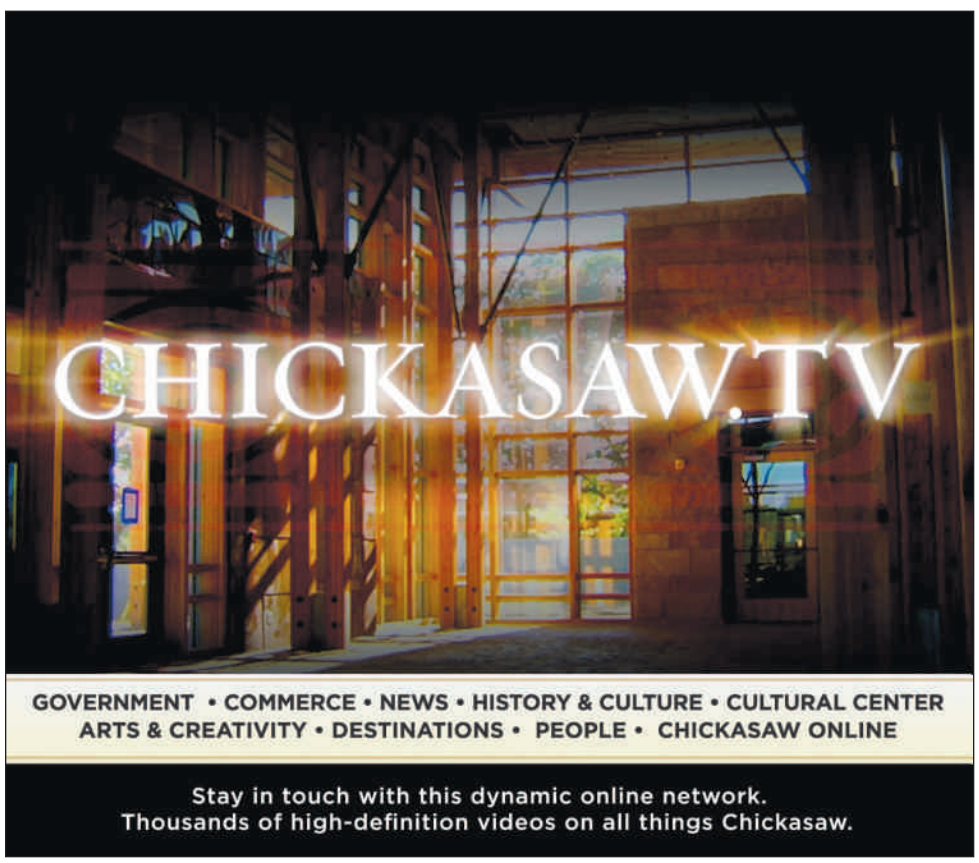
Christmas Celebrations with Santa

One-year-old Elaina Bernkopf, of Sulphur, meets Santa at the Cultural Center Christmas Celebration, Dec. 10 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center. Holiday-themed activities included ornament making, Christmas tree workshops and holiday movies.

Santa gets a hug from Apeha Guy, age 3, of Sulphur during the annual Chickasaw Cultural Center Christmas Celebration, Dec. 10.

Three-year-old Karver Trentham, of Vanoss, was one of hundreds of Chickasaw kids to share a Christmas wish list with Santa during the Cultural Center Christmas Celebration.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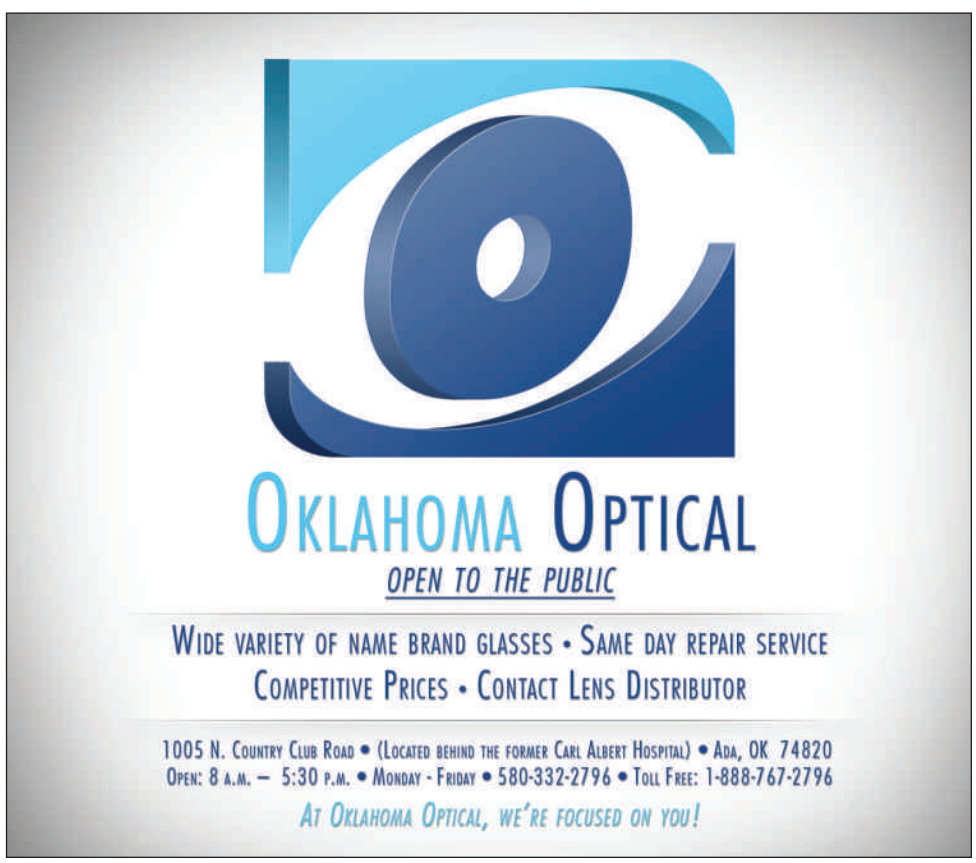
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Fun at the Elders Christmas Luncheon

Don Somers and his sister Barbara Johnson, both of Pauls Valley, play the Reindeer Game "Dice on Ice" at the Chickasaw Nation Elders Christmas Luncheon, Dec. 16 at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex in Ada.

Marcy Gray

Santa and three helpers, from left, Ann Thompson, Nell Goforth and Emilea Stephens at the Christmas Luncheon.

Anoli Creative Writing Contest

The poem below by Matthew Smith was the third-place winner in the Division 3 poetry category of the 2011 Anoli Creative Writing Contest. Conducted each year by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities, the writing contest is open to Chickasaw student writers in grades six through eight (Division 1), grades nine through 12 (Division 2) and young adults through age 24 (Division 3).

The topic for the 2011 writing contest was "The Chickasaw I Admire Most."

Mr. Smith attends Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo. The poem is about his grandfather Colbert Smith.

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Pee Paw

Colbert Smith (1920-1997)
By Matthew Smith

Pee Paw
Sweet memories of that special man
Strong hands, strong heart, strong family ties
"You look just like your grandfather," a joyful thought
Pee Paw

Pee Paw
Best teacher!
Fishing; A GIANT UGLY OLD CAT FISH!! (Pee Paw knew it would be there)
Squealing boys delighted to catch it with Dad and
Pee Paw

Great Storyteller
Stories, traditions, laughing, tears
How do you remember all those people and places?
Love the memory of his big lap, giant ears, big brown eyes, and upper lip with a scar
A story for the scar
I'd return to his safe lap anytime
Pee Paw

Historian
Volunteered; World War II pilot, decorated Chickasaw veteran, only survivor of his platoon
Dependable, honest, upstanding, trustworthy, caring for his "buddies"
Prisoner of War; presumed dead; grieving family
Gratefully returned to the family
Pee Paw

Grandfather
Wish you could have stayed longer
Need your wisdom, guidance, caring, and direction
Many memories to carry me forward
Hope to someday be "Pee Paw" to show the Chickasaw way to my grandchildren.
I love you Pee Paw!
Matthew

Naomi Laruth Meeks, of Ada, tries her hand at the Frosty Snowball Toss at the Chickasaw Nation Elders Christmas Luncheon.

Professional Openings at Medical Center

Are you a Chickasaw RN, LPN or CNA? Are you interested in employment with the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center or satellite clinics? If so, we would love to hear from you!

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Health has professional openings in the following specialties:

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- **Certified Nurses Assitant**

For details on any of these professional positions, please contact:

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Military care packages

The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to individuals stationed away from their permanent residences.

The military care package distribution list is made up of Chickasaws, spouses of Chickasaws, Chickasaw Nation employees, spouses of employees and children of employees on active duty and stationed away from their permanent residences.

If you know men or women who fit the criteria and would like to add them to the military care package list, **please contact Ms. Joy Barrick at (580) 310-6451 or joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.**

Thank you for your assistance and for supporting our troops!

Maranda Clymer named 'Student of the Month'

Maranda Clymer has been selected Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month for November 2011. She is a sophomore at Wayne High School and is in her second year of the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Math/Science (CFUBMS) program.

Maranda Clymer

Maranda has a 4.0 grade point average and has received awards in algebra I, financial literacy, biology, Spanish I, home economics and choir. She has represented her school at several scholastic meets and placed in child development, Spanish and biology.

During the 2011 summer session for CFUBMS, she received the top student in zoology and algebra II.

Maranda is involved in many clubs at her school including Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), choir and Student Council.

Maranda enjoys volunteering in the school cafeteria during breakfast and lunch by taking the trash out, cleaning tables, picking up food from the floor and bringing out the drinks. She organized a clothes drive for FCCLA, and knowing she helped others feel warm and have clothes gave her a great feeling.

Maranda has enjoyed participating in CFUBMS and credits it with helping her meet new people and friends. She has gained knowledge of new environments, leadership skills and opportunities she would not have been able to experience without the program.

She is anticipating the 2012 summer session for it will prepare her for the next school year; teaching her about college life and showing her all the possibilities in store for her future.

From left, Laura Putman, Suzy Hannah, Emily Hancock (kneeling), KaSandra Wilkerson, Amber Wilkerson, Sarah Ward, Maranda Clymer and Aren Briscoe.

Upward Bound students get going in 'The Amazing Chase'

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound participated in "The Amazing Chase" at the Tishomingo Community Center on November 19.

Led by Dr. "Scout" Cloud Lee and joined by members of the East Central University's Leadership Club, students worked with one another on further developing their teamwork and leadership skills. After a variety of group activities, students then split into teams and competed against one another in a number of relays.

Team leaders were chosen based on the leadership qualities students' displayed doing the day.

Physics & Astronomy Outing

From left, Emily Hancock, Academic Advisor Paul Baken, KaSandra Wilkerson and Maranda Clymer.

From left, Patricia Lafevers, Lonnie Lawson, Billy Waller, Kyle Dean and Ryan Coleman.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Math & Science students took a recent excursion to East Central University's physics department. Greeted by Dr. Karen Williams and Dr. Carl Rutledge, students were given a tour of the facility. Students then took part in an open discussion presentation by Dr. Williams showcasing the wide variety of careers a physics degree can offer. Students participated in a hands-on activity working with ultrasound equipment.

Following dinner on campus, students were taken to the observatory where they worked with telescopes and were given a sky tour of stars and constellations.

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– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Chickasaw Foundation announces scholarship recipients

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of the Chickasaw Foundation Grants, Chickasaw Foundation Career Technology Scholarship and the newly-established Homer Dee Wells Memorial Scholarship.

Kaytlin Tharp is one of the recipients of the Chickasaw Foundation Grants for 2011-12. She is a sophomore at Bob Jones University pursuing a degree in culinary arts and business.

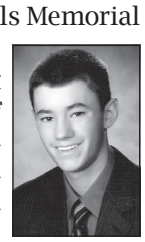
Kaytlin Tharp

Michael Apala has been awarded the Chickasaw Foundation Career Technology Scholarship for 2011-12. He is a student at the Southeastern Oklahoma Technology Center studying heat and air.

Michael Apala

Brandon Tolbert was selected for the Homer Dee Wells Memorial Scholarship.

He is a junior at the University of Oklahoma pursuing a degree in petroleum engineering.


Brandon Tolbert

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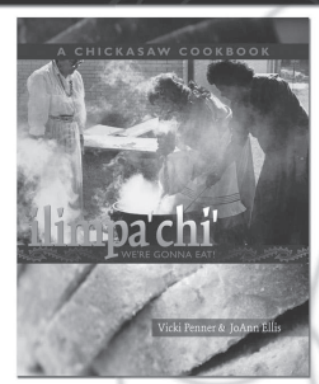

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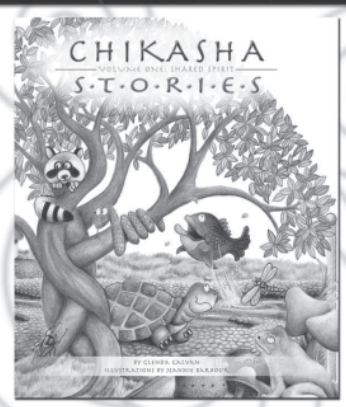

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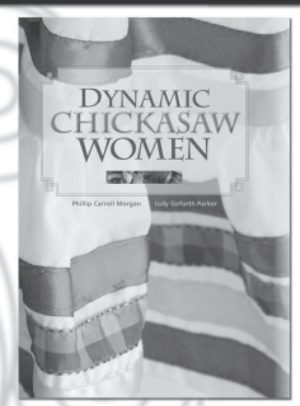

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For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

OKLAHOMA
ACHILLE
Achille Area Chickasaws
Quarterly, last Saturday at 1:30 p.m.
Kay Anders, 580-283-3979

CONNERVILLE
Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

KINGSTON
Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

NEWCASTLE
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Monthly, 2nd Thursday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY
OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Billy Hester, 405-340-5469

PURCELL
Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
John Hobbs, 405-922-3926

TISHOMINGO
Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

ARIZONA
Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

CALIFORNIA
Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@socal.rr.com

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

COLORADO
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Bi-Monthly
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, (316) 945-9219

LOUISIANA
Monroe Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

MISSOURI
St. Louis Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW ENGLAND
New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW MEXICO
New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Chris Rodke, 505-450-4802

NORTH CAROLINA
Raleigh Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

OREGON/WASHINGTON
Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Charles Holland, 512-341-0024

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
Monthly, 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Mark Fields, 210-269-2619

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Saturday
John C. Atkins, 972-271-0692

Tyler Area Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Howard Thompson, 903-570-9244

Texarkana Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

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Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win $100.

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Lindsay (OK) School District personnel accept the Johnson O'Malley Exemplary School award for Region 3 on October 18 during the National JOM Conference in Tulsa. Johnson O'Malley is a federal program that provides funds for supplemental education programs for Native American students. From left, Richard Brown, Rick Smith, Malea Ince, Terri Davis, Stacy Hall, Gail Ince, Kay Holt, Robert Pickens, and on the back row, Kim Williams and Monica Kleinsasser.

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If so, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager, at 800-851-9136 ext. 61097.

Elder case manager ready to help you

Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries?

If so, call Stefanie Luna, Elder Case Manager at 800-851-9136 ext. 80110 for personalized assistance navigating the Health System.

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Due to the expansion at the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, Oklahoma, the Division of Health has professional openings in the following specialties:

- Pediatrician (Ada)
- Emergency Department Physician (Ada)
- Dentist (Ardmore Clinic)
- Optometrist (Ada)
- Magnetic Resonance Technologist (Ada)
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Physician Assistant

For details on any of these professional positions, please contact:

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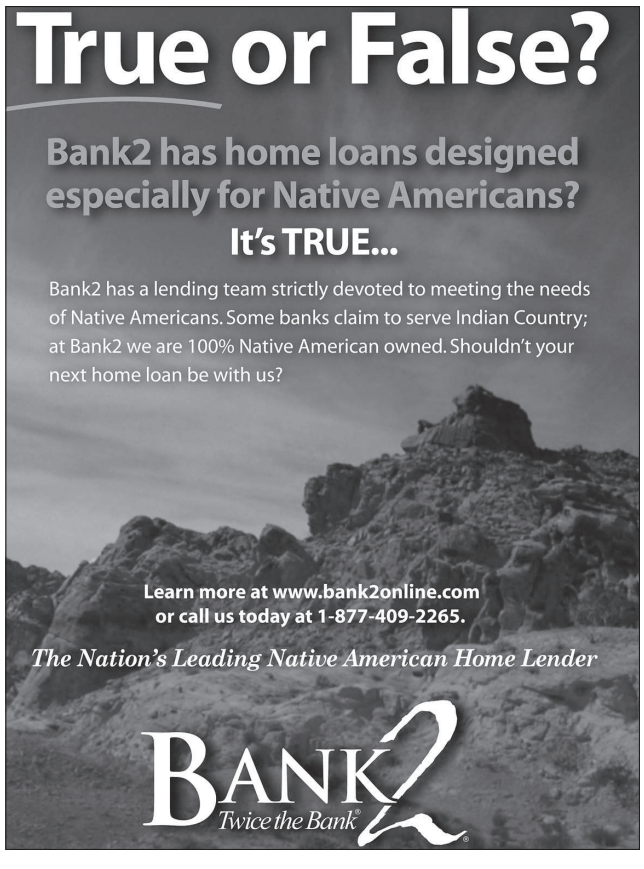
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Otis Dewayne Bane Bigbie

Otis Dewayne Bane Bigbie, 84, of Ringling, Okla., died November 17, 2011 at the Oklahoma Heart Hospital, Oklahoma City, surrounded by his family. Services were November 19 at First Baptist Church, Ringling with Rev. Mike Williams officiating. Interment followed in Ringling Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Bigbie was born August 21, 1927 at Ardmore, Okla. He was the second son of Clarence and Fannie Jewel (Coffey) Bigbie, an original enrollee.

The Bigbie family's ranch is still located on land allotted to Fannie Jewel Coffey Bigbie 106 years ago.

Mr. Bigbie was proud of his Chickasaw heritage.

He attended Ringling schools through his junior year in high school, then his family moved to Tipton, Okla. He graduated from Tipton High School in 1945 and served in the U.S. Coast Guard as an aviation radio man on a Catalina Sea Plane and was honorably discharged in 1947.

He married Wilma Kathern Winn in 1949 at Weleetka, Okla. They returned to Ringling in 1950 to raise their family of four children. She preceded him in death in 1985.

He then married Faye (Roberts) Allred in 1987 at Zaneis, Okla.

He was in the cattle and insurance industries.

In addition to his family, some of his greatest joys were his ranch, horses and cattle, whistling, crossword puzzles, sports and bottomless cups of coffee at Little Nell's (and before that the 70 Cafe). He was an avid pilot before his heart kept him from passing a physical. Many remember his deep baritone voice announcing the Ringling Rodeo and Blue Devil football games.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Wilma Bigbie (1985); and brothers, Gene (1994) and Burke (1991).

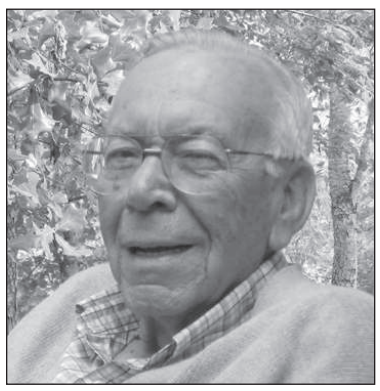
He is survived by his wife, Faye, of the home; his children, Bane Bigbie and wife, Melanie and Kathi Trent and husband, Randall, all of Norman, Okla., Dr. Rocky Rigbie and wife, Laurie, of Guthrie, Okla., and Stacy Woodruff and husband, Jon, of Knoxville, Tenn.; stepdaughter, Sue Grissom and husband, M.W. "Sonny" Wilson; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a sister, Patricia Kelly, of Redmond, Wash.; sister-in-laws Sally Ann Bigbie, of Hobbs, N.M., Babe Bigbie, of Huffman, Texas, Sharon Scott, of Roswell, N.M., and Wilda Winn, of Woodland, Calif; and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and many close friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Ringling First Baptist Church.

Pallbearers were Scott Trent, Jas Trent, Nathan Bigbie, Ben Bigbie, Brett Bigbie, Hunter Bigbie, Parker Woodruff and Jacky Grissom.

Honorary pallbearers were Terry Snell, Jerry Dillard, Randall Trent, Jon Woodroof, Sonny Grissom, Derek Ensminger, and the coffee drinking club at Little Nell's.

Roy J. Ragland



Roy J. Ragland, 88, died December 8, 2011 at Kalamazoo, Mich. Services were December 14 at The Chapel at Griffin-Hillcrest with the Rev. Roger Wood officiating. Interment followed in Hillcrest Memorial Park, Ardmore, Okla.

Mr. Ragland was born Sept. 25, 1923 to Roy Nelson Ragland and Sarah Beatrice (Young) Ragland at Oklahoma. He was raised on a ranch in Pauls Valley, Okla. His father was 1/2 Native American (Chickasaw/Cherokee). Mr. Roy J. Ragland was a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

He graduated second in his high school class and received a scholarship to the Panhandle A&M College (later Oklahoma Panhandle State University) in Goodwell, Okla., but left before graduating to join the U.S. Navy in 1943.

He married Lois N. Perrier February 27, 1949, at Redwood City, Calif. They met on a blind date in San Francisco while he was attending Stanford University for Naval Officer training. She preceded him in death (August 2005) after a long battle with cancer and kidney disease.

The couple had three children: Roy Randal Ragland ("Randy"), Linda Lou Ragland and Sandra Sue Ragland.

Mr. Ragland retired in 1972 after 30 years in the U.S. Navy. Bored with retirement he secured a purchasing job with the Slaughter Company in Ardmore, Okla., where he and Lois had moved to take care of his ailing mother. He worked for Slaughter for 15 years before retiring again.

During their marriage, they moved often as the Navy transferred Mr. Ragland from coast to coast to lead Mine Warfare divisions. The Navy ensured Roy received an excellent education, including attendance at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Penn. During his U.S. Navy career, he commanded five ships off the coast of Vietnam and was one of only two people qualified to remove the mines from the harbors of Vietnam when that conflict ended. He was also the last commanding officer of the Naval School of Mine Warfare in Charleston, S.C., before that school was combined with other Navy training organizations.

He moved to Fayetteville, Ark., after the loss of his wife to live with his daughter, Sandra. He moved to Kalamazoo, on August 9, 2010, to be near Sandra who now works for Stryker Corporation.

He loved animals, playing golf and being around people.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

He is survived by, a son, Randy Ragland and wife Linda, of Charleston; daughters, Linda R. Fisher, of Ardmore, and Sandra Ragland; and grandchildren, Alex, Lynn and Katy.

Condolences may be left at www.Griffin-HillcrestFH.com

John Benson

John Benson, 59, of Mansfield, Texas, died Dec. 15, 2011. A private service will be conducted.

Mr. Benson was a proud citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and the grandson of Janie Hardwicke Benson, an original enrollee.

He is survived by his wife, Melanie Benson; sons, Lucas and Bobby Benson; a daughter, Heather Smith; a brother, Jim Benson; sisters, Jo Sears, Denise McDonald, Janie Brady and Sue McClure; and grandchildren, Skyler and Kinsley Benson.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in memory of John Benson to the Chickasaw Foundation, Box 1726, Ada, OK 74821-1726.

Brandelette "Brandi" Smith

Brandelette "Brandi" Smith, 38, of Bakersfield, Calif., died Nov. 20, 2011 at her home. Services were Dec. 1 at McNett Funeral Home, Andrews, Texas, with Rev. Bryan Johnson officiating. Burial followed in Andrews North Cemetery.

She was born Sept. 1, 1973 at Andrews.

She was a 1992 graduate of Andrews High School and was a member of the swimming and diving team.

She married the love of her life, Matt Smith, June 11, 1994 at Andrews. They moved from Andrews to Bakersfield in 2000.

Mrs. Smith had a bubbly personality. She loved to work with children and received her bachelor's degree in early childhood development from California State University in March 2011. She was working on her master's degree from Idaho State University.

She loved working with kindergarten children and was a volunteer with Americorps. She loved her family and she was a wonderful mother. She was very active in the Cystic Fibrosis community.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Savana Dawn Thompson (1971).

She is survived by her husband, Matt Smith, of Bakersfield; a daughter, Kristen Smith; a son, Justin Smith, both of Bakersfield; step-children, Destinee and Jared Smith, both of Dallas; her parents, Chuck and Linda Thompson, of Andrews; a sister, Milli Snyder, of Ft. Bragg, N.C.; grandson, Julius Smith, of Dallas; and 13 nieces and nephews.

Shirley Ann (Sampson) Thompson

Shirley Ann (Sampson) Thompson, 66, died December 9, 2011 at Ada, Okla. Services were December 13, 2011 at Durwood Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Wayne Harjo officiating. Interment followed in Durwood Cemetery, Marshall County, Oklahoma.

She was born April 13, 1945 to Onis Sampson and Cora (Henry) Sampson at Simpson, Okla. She attended Dickson Schools.

She married Nathan Thompson, Jr., September of 1966 at Ardmore, Okla.

Mrs. Thompson worked for Stromberg-Carlson, Cook's Laundry and retired from Dollar General in 2007.

She was baptized into the Overbrook Baptist Church.

She enjoyed watching her family play softball, going to garage sales, and cooking for family gatherings. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and her special grandson, Bryne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister Sarah Sampson; and an aunt Janie Chubbey.

She is survived by her husband, Nathan Thompson, Jr., of the home; sons, Darrell Sampson, Terry Thompson, Kendall Thompson and wife, Darla Christie; daughter, Vicki Harris and husband, Joe; special boys, Jade and Adam; special girl, Amber Sampson; special nephew, Warren Sampson; a brother Ronnie Sampson and wife, Fernie; sisters, Shirley D. Sampson and JoAnn McMillan; brother-in-law, Edwin Thompson and wife, Shirley; ten grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Harold Marris, Dennis Sampson, Coby Lewis, Noel Marris, Vince Ott, and Tody Taylor. Honorary bearers will be the Ardmore Bucks Softball Team

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LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Chickasaw Nation Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
November 18, 2011

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson David Woerz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Mike Watson, Tracy Harjo, Judy Goforth Parker, Dana Lance, Anita Green Graham, Tony Choate, Matthew Gore, Rita Loder, Ron Frazier, Ricky Cravatt, Brittany Cravatt, Merlin Lyda, Shirley Brown, Brandy Lowden, Shannon Trent

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - October 21, 2011

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve the October 21, 2011 minutes.

Mrs. Alexander noted a correction on page four.

Ms. Briggs and Ms. Barker amended their motions to approve the October 21, 2011 minutes as corrected.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the October 21, 2011 minutes carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 29-009, Approval of Development Budget Amendment (Sulphur Pocket Park)

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for a pocket park in Sulphur, Oklahoma, Project Number 20-0100-10, in the amount of $708,277.00. The pocket park will be a complement to the Artesian Hotel and improve the aesthetics of the downtown area in Sulphur. The proposed site is directly across the street from the hotel and is currently an empty lot except for a few remnants of an old building. The focal point of the area is a deteriorating wall of the two-story building next door. Replacing the dilapidated area with the pocket park will create a serene place for Chickasaw citizens, hotel guests and local citizens to enjoy. The design of the park will emphasize the healing properties of the local waters. This proposal includes the construction of an approximately 7,000 square-foot park which will include water features, a walking path, sitting areas, landscaping and artwork.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR29-009.

Members voting yes:

Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

11 yes votes

Member voting no: Beth Alexander, Katie Case

2 no votes

The motion to approve GR29-009 carried.

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

(B) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 29-010, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County (Tribal Tract 1464½)

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Kepco Operating Inc. (Kepco), of Kilgore, Texas. Kepco has offered $2,000 per acre for a total bonus of $6,060.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $1,515.00. The lease will be for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rent for a total of $9.09 per annum, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $2.27 per annum. The royalty rate is 18.75% of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive 4.6875%. This lease will be automatically extended so long as oil or gas is harvested in "paying quantities." This lease will be located on land that is jointly owned between the Choctaw Nation and the Chickasaw Nation, of which the Chickasaw Nation owns a one-quarter undivided interest.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR29-010.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR29-010 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 29-011, Utility Service Easement in Pontotoc County

This resolution authorizes and approves a utility easement to service the new Roads Building, granted to OG&E Electric Services, its successors and assigns, the right, privilege and authority to enter upon and install, erect, operate, maintain, and reconstruct underground system of conduits, wires, cables, vaults, junction boxes, switches, fuses, transformers, service connection boxes and other fixtures for the transmission and distribution of electrical current and communication messages, including the right of ingress and egress to and from said system across adjoining lands of Grantor, upon and across the following real property and premises, situated in Pontotoc County, State of Oklahoma. Grantor further covenants and agrees that no building or other structure shall ever be erected nor shall any excavation or other removal

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2010-2011 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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of soil, so as to change the grade of terrain, be accomplished by Grantor, its heirs or assigns, within the above described easement area unless the written consent of the Grantee is first obtained. The rights and privileges above granted to continue so long as same are used or needed for the transmission and distribution of electric current or communication messages; but should the Grantee remove its property from the premises and abandon the right of way herein granted, then the rights granted in this easement shall terminate.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR29-011.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR29-011 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

(C) ELECTION RULES AND REGULATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution 29-001, Amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Election Rules and Procedures)

This resolution approves amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code. Section 8-304 is amended to make reference to related regulations regarding voter registration and Section 8-404 is amended to correct the definition of election day.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve PR29-001.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to approve PR29-001 carried unanimously.

Permanent Resolution 28-007, Amendments to Title 8, Chapter 3 Section 8-301 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Changing Voter Districts)

This resolution approves amendments to Title 8, Chapter 3 Section 8-301 of the Chickasaw Nation Code so that voters residing outside the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation shall be allowed to change from one voting district to another starting October 1, 2011. All voter district changes shall be submitted in writing to the Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar.

Chairperson Woerz passed the gavel, and stated that the wording of the resolution needed clarification.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Barker to table PR28-007.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

13 yes votes

The motion to table PR28-007 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woerz regained the chair. Mr. Woods concluded his report.

Chairperson Woerz introduced Mr. Rick Cravatt, director of the Re-Entry Program.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Comments were made by Ms. Tracy Harjo regarding personnel issues. Mr. Mike Watson asked for Legislators to look into the personnel issue mentioned and requested that all registered voters be sent a ballot.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dean McManus, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

DECEMBER 2011 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 29-012

Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community facility funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to establish a facility in which family members of the Chickasaw Nation may gather and meet for a variety of meetings and events in Ardmore, Carter County, Oklahoma. This resolution also provides assurances required by the program.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 29-013

Application for Grants under the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs

(Tribal Water Rights)

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's partnership with the Choctaw Nation and designates the Choctaw Nation as the lead in preparing the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs Water Resources Funding program: Tribal Water Rights Litigation/Negotiation for the fiscal year 2012. The Choctaw Nation will submit the grant; serve as the point of contact for the funding agency; and receive and distribute the grants funds if awarded.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Permanent Resolution 28-007

Amendments to Title 8, Chapter 3 Section8-301 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Changing Voter Districts)

Explanation: This resolution approves amendments to Title 8, Chapter 3 Section 8-301 of the Chickasaw Nation Code so that voters residing outside the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation shall be allowed to change from one voting district to another district one time beginning on January 1, 2012. All voter district changes shall be submitted in writing to the Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar.

Presented By: Election Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee

As Amended

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Permanent Resolution Number 29-002

Amendments to Titles 1 and 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Corrections)

Explanation: This resolution corrects section numbers and adds missing titles in Titles 1 and 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting
December 12, 2011
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Human Resources Committee
December 5, 2011
Present: Dean McManus, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

December 12, 2011
Present: Dean McManus, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Land Development Committee
December 5, 2011
Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Election Rules & Regulation Ad Hoc Committee
December 5, 2011
Present: Steve Woods, Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, David Woerz

Executive Committee
December 5, 2011
Present: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Legislative Committee
December 5, 2011
Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Steve Woods

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